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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Henry E. Agbaje et al. Art Unit 1617  
Serial No. 09/988,340  
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Confirmation No. 8785  
For PESTICIDE CONCENTRATES CONTAINING ETHERAMINE SURFACTANTS  
Examiner S. Mark Clardy

September 14, 2005

LETTER TO THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

This letter is in response to the Office action mailed  
June 15, 2005.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Clardy for the courteous  
telephone interview granted Vincent M. Keil (Reg. No. 36,838) and  
the undersigned attorney on September 7, 2005.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the  
rejection of claims 3-8, 10, 12-40, 42-47, 49 and 51-55 under  
35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined  
teachings of Stridde et al. (US 6,420,311), Griffiths et al. (US  
6,248,695), Wright et al. (US 5,750,468) and Forbes et al. (US  
5,668,085).

Independent claim 3 is directed to an aqueous pesticidal  
composition comprising at least one pesticide and an  
agriculturally useful amount of a cationic surfactant composition  
comprising a first surfactant selected from a Markush group  
including the elected etheramine of formula (5), and a second  
surfactant selected from a Markush group including the elected  
diamine of formula (6). Independent claim 42 is likewise  
directed to an aqueous pesticidal composition comprising at least  
one pesticide and an agriculturally useful amount of a cationic  
surfactant composition comprising at least one etheramine